



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt resolution awarding the purchase of 384 watthour meters to the low bidder, Sensus Metering Systems, c/o Young & Company, of Oakland (\$22,963.68)

MEETING DATE: March 3, 2004

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of 384 solid-state watthour meters to the low bidder, Sensus Metering Systems, c/o Young & Company of Oakland, in the amount of \$22,963.68.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On February 4, 2004, the City Council approved specifications and authorized advertisement for bids for the purchase of 384 solid-state watthour meters.

The following bids were received, and opened on February 18:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Meters w/ AMR</u>	<u>Meters w/o AMR</u>
Sensus, c/o Young & Co., Oakland	\$16,964.16	\$5,999.52
General Pacific, Portland, OR	\$17,584.80	\$6,796.01
Ingalls Power Products, Benicia	No bid	\$6,487.76

The bid consisted of 192 meters with automatic meter reading (AMR) communications modules, and 192 meters without. AMR technology allows meters so equipped to be read remotely. It is particularly useful in hard-to-read locations, such as residential back yards with locked gates. A pilot program initiated in September, 2001 has worked well for both the customer and the meter reading staff. Therefore, the Department plans to install a group of AMR meters annually and, over time, eliminate the problems associated with hard-to-read meters. The non-AMR meters which are removed during the change-out will be cleaned and re-calibrated, and placed back into service at another location within the city.

This purchase will provide an inventory for installation of meters at new residential developments throughout the city, in hard-to-read locations, and for replacement of obsolete and deteriorated meters located during testing.

FUNDING: Electric Utility Department 2003-2005 Financial Plan and Budget,
Revenue Metering, Business Unit 161656, Page E-41

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cc: Manager, EUD Engineering and Operations

APPROVED:
H. Dixon Flynn, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY
COUNCIL AWARDING THE BID FOR
384 WATTHOUR METERS

WHEREAS, in answer to notice duly published in accordance with law and the order of this City Council sealed bids were received and publicly opened on February 18, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. for 384 watthour meters described in the specifications therefore approved by the City Council on February 4, 2004; and

WHEREAS, said bids have been compared, checked, and tabulated and a report thereof filed with the City Manager as follows:

Bidder	Meters w/ AMR*	Meters w/o AMR*
Sensus, c/o Young & Co., Oakland	\$16,964.16	\$5,999.52
General Pacific, Portland, OR	\$17,584.80	\$6,796.01
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*Automatic meter reading (AMR) communications modules.

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends award of the bid for 384 watthour meters be made to the low bidder, Sensus Metering Systems, c/o Young & Company, of Oakland, California, in the amount of \$22,963.68.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lodi City Council that the award of the bid for 384 watthour meters be and the same is hereby awarded to the low bidder, Sensus Metering Systems, c/o Young & Company, of Oakland, CA, in the amount of \$22,963.68.

Dated: March 3, 2004

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2004-33 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held March 3, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hitchcock, Howard, Land, and Mayor Hansen

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk